Applicant notes that, should the Examiner withdraw the process claims from further consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, and the product claim is subsequently found allowable, Applicant requests that the process claims, which include all the limitations of the allowable product claim, be rejoined pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, should an additional fee be required in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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